(ख) यदि हां, तो सन्दर्भाधीन स्वतन्त्रता मोर्चे तथा इसके क्रियाकलाप का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : (क) से (ग) सरकार का ध्यान 1 मार्च, 1988 के इण्डियन एक्सप्रैस में छपे समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है । "ग्रेट फ्रीडम रन" पूणे अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मैराथन ट्रस्ट द्वारा आयोजित की गई थी । आयोजकों ने सूचित किया है कि "ग्रेट फ्रीटम रन" में 1 लाख से अधिक लोगों ने भाग लिया था । "ग्रेट फ्रीडम रन" के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई वित्तीय सहायता नहीं दी गई थी ।

2956. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*].

Facilities to catering vendnig/bookstall etc. at Railway Stations

2957. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive for not providing essential facilities i.e. catering vending/bookstall etc. on vacant/new stations/platforms within the area of metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons for imposition of the ban for providing these facilities on vacant/new stations and platforms within the area of metropolitan cities: and

(c) what are the criteria for providing these facilities within the area of metropolitan cities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The factors taken into account for providing catering/vending and bookstall facilities at any station/platform are volume of passenger traffic, number and timings of stopping trains, demand from the passengers, congestion on platform, width of platform etc.

Writ Petition No. 386/87 by the Agents/Vendors of Gulab Singh and Sons

2958. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agents/vendors of M/s. Gulab Singh and Sons have declared in the Civil Writ Petition No. 386/87 in Supreme Court that the entire work is sublet to them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Agents/vendors made a representation to the Ministry that they are running the bookstalls with their own investment since March, 1985, paying the lumpsum amount in shape of rent to M/s. Gulab Singh and Sons; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some applications have been received from some Agents/Vendors of Gulab Singh & Sons for allotment of bookstalls in which it has been stated that the applicants are running bookstalls with their own investments since March 1985 and paying some rent to M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons.

(c) The applications for allotment of bookstalls will be considered by the Northern Railway as per extent policy, and in the light of the observations of the Supreme Court made in the order passed in writ petition No. 386 of 1987.

Allotment of bookstalls to M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Prakashan Sehkari Samiti Ltd.

2959. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2577 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Parkashan Sehkari